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Applicant:

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Title:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING A **BATTERY TERMINAL WITH**

UNDERCUT RINGS

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[X] Continuation [] Division [] Continuation-In-Part (CIP)

of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the aboveidentified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- [X] Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (19 pages).
- [X] Informal drawings (8 sheets, Figures 1-11F).
- [X] Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages).
- [X] Assignment of the invention to Tulip Corporation.

- [X] Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.
- [X] Check in the amount of \$40.00 for Assignment recordation.
- [] Request for application not to be published with certification under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
- [X] Information Disclosure Statement.
- [X] Form PTO-1449
- [X] Preliminary Amendment.
- [X] Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).

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| Basic Fee | | | | | | | \$750.00 | | \$750.00 |
| Total Claims: | 22 | | 20 | _ = | 2 | × | \$18.00 | = | \$36.00 |
| Independents: | 3 | | 3 | = | 0 | × | \$84.00 | = | \$0.00 |
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